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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAGR, ETRD, TD, XL

SUBJ: TRINIDAD REPRESENTATION AT MEETING OF LA

SUGAR PRODUCERS

REF: STATE 061168

1. TO DATE GOTT HAS NOT SELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND PUERTO PLATA SUGAR MEETING OF LA SUGAR PRODUCERS. ACCORDING TO TRADE SOURCE WHO REPRESENTED TRINIDAD AT SUGAR PRODUCERS' MEETING IN MEXICO, HE HAS ADVISED GOTT TO SEND A HIGH OFFICIAL FROM EITHER MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN AGENDA (SEE BELOW).

2. TRADE SOURCE INDICATED THAT GOTT WOULD NOT  
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SUPPORT ANY CARTEL-LIKE ARRANGEMENT FOR DEFENDING

SUGAR PRICES, AGREEING WITH REASONS CITED IN REFTEL, PLUS TRINIDAD'S SUPPLY/PRICE COMMITMENTS TO UK/EEC. SOURCE FEELS THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF SUGAR ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN (SUCCESSOR TO WISA) WOULD SHARE GOTT'S OPPOSITION TO ANY PRICE-FIXING PROPOSALS. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT CUBA (AS REPRESENTED BY A SR. LEZCANO) IS THE PRIME FORCE BEHIND THE CREATION OF A PERMANENT SECRETARIAT FOR THE GROUP OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN SUGAR EXPORTING COUNTRIES.

3. TRINIDAD'S CURRENT PROBLEMS CENTER ON COMPLETE STANDSTILL IN SUGAR INDUSTRY AND FEARS OF FAILING TO MEET SALES CONTRACTS ALREADY ENTERED INTO, AND COMMITMENTS TO UK/EEC. PRODUCTION TO DATE IS 44,000 LONG TONS OF WHICH A FEW HUNDRED TONS SOLD IN CARIBBEAN AND 13,000 TONS SOLD TO EEC. AN ADDITIONAL 17,000 TONS IS AVAILABLE FOR UK BUT LABOR IS REFUSING TO LOAD. ASSUMING STRIKE ACTION COULD BE SETTLED AND PRODUCTION RESUMED IMMEDIATELY, BEST GUESS IS THAT 25,000 TONS OF SUGAR WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR USA AFTER EXPORT AND DOMESTIC COMMITMENTS ARE MET FOR 1975 PRODUCTION. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT A SETTLEMENT WILL BE REACHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

4. ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS AGATT WAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING AGENDA FOR PUERTO PLATA APRIL 21 MEETING WHICH IS PURPORTED TO BE COPY OF CABLE RECEIVED BY TRINIDAD'S SUGAR MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION:

(A) REVIEW OF THE MOST RELEVANT EVENTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET IN BETWEEN THE FIRST AND SECOND MEETING OF THE GROUP OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN SUGAR EXPORTING COUNTRIES.

(B) ANALYSIS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR MARKET OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE IN THE SHORT MEDIUM AND LONG TERM.

(C) DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE FUNCTIONS AND  
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BUDGET OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT OF THE GROUP OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES.

(D) OUTLINE OF THE FORMAL LEGAL BASES FOR THE GROUP OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN SUGAR EXPORTING COUNTRIES.

(E) COOPERATION AMONG THE COUNTRIES MEMBERS OF THE

GROUP

1. IMPROVEMENT OF THE SYSTEM OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION.
2. TECHNOLOGICAL INTERCHANGE CONCERNING FARM FACTORY AND SUGAR CANE BY-PRODUCTS.
3. ANALYSIS OF POSSIBILITIES FOR INDUSTRIAL COMPLEMENTATION IN THE PRODUCTION ASPECT OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS PROCESSING OF THE SUGAR INDUSTRY INCLUDING PROJECTS FOR SUGAR MILLS.
4. INFORMATION INTERCHANGE ABOUT PLANS FOR EXPANDING THE INDUSTRIAL SUGAR PLANT IN MEMBER COUNTRIES.

(F) DATE AND PLACE FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

(G) OTHER ITEMS.

(H) CONCLUSION.

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